

**MEDICAL DIRECTION COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**January 23, 2004
150 North 18th Avenue, Suite 540-A**

Members Present:

Robert Vavrick	John Gallagher
Daniel Spaite	Michel Sucher (Chairman)
Frank Walter	John H. Raife

Members Absent:

Wendy Ann Lucid	Barry A. Kriegsfeld
Harvey W. Meislin	Phillip C. Richemont
Michael Ward	

BEMS Staff Present:

Judi Crume
Donna Meyer
Peggy Lahren
Dona Markley
Chuck Kramer
Betty Yunick
Susan Nicolas
Victor Dominguez
Robin Jarvis
Tim Singleton

Ex-Officio Members Present:

Kay Lewis

Guests Present:

Toni Brophy	Brian Smith
Janine Anderson	Stephen Powles
Mark Venuti	Mark Stroh
Jim Roeder	Linda Worthy
Chuck Montgomery	Jim Koile
Jim Bratcher	Charlie Smith
Rose Conner	Thomas Wachtel

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairman, Michel Sucher, called the regular meeting of the Medical Direction Commission to order at 9:10 a.m. A quorum was present.

II. DISCUSS/AMEND and/or APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by John Gallagher and seconded by Frank Walter to approve the January 23, 2004 agenda with one correction: Item VII. Old Business A. should read (Information/Discussion). **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Frank Walter seconded by John Gallagher to approve the minutes of October 24, 2003 with these corrections:

- Item VII.A, Page 3, Bullet 3: "innervative" should read "denervated"
- Item VII.A, Page 3, Bullet 4: should read "Complications of Succinylcholine add Malignant Hyperthermia delete Syndrome"
- Item VII.A, Page 3, Bullet 6: ".20 mg" should read "0.20 mg"
- Item VII.A, Page 3, Bullet 7: "Continual assess" should read "Continually reassess"
- Item VII.B, Page 3: "Amyl Nitrate" should read "Amyl Nitrite"

A friendly amendment was made by John Gallagher to accept the change in Bullet 6 (Item VII.A, Page 3, Bullet 6: ".20 mg" should read "0.20 mg"), but revise it to be consistent with the RSI Protocol, and further change "0.20 mg" to "0.3 mg per kg."

Motion carried.

III. REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Rose Conner, Assistant Director, Arizona Department of Health Services, addressed the Commission regarding legislative and budget issues.

The Commission recommended sending an e-mail out regarding the status of the Trauma bill. Michel Sucher asked that the Commission support the legislation by contacting their legislator or members of the House Health Committee.

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

A. Membership Updates – Michel Sucher gave the Chairman's Report.

B. EMS Council Executive Committee Report – The Committee met on November 13, 2003. The meeting focused on preparing for the EMS Futures Forum on December 5, 2003.

C. EMS Futures Forum – The presentations done by Greg Mears and Eric Anderson are now on the website. The feedback from the Forum was very positive. Robert Vavrick congratulated everyone for a job well done.

The committee recommended that we include Best Practices as a topic for the next Forum.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Protocols, Medications, and Devices Committee: John Gallagher reported that the PMD Committee did not meet. The next meeting will be held February 19, 2004.

VI. RULES STATUS UPDATE

Dona Marie Markley reported that the new rules are effective January 3, 2004. She stated that BEMS is in the process of transitioning and working with the community and the stakeholders to understand and use the rules.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. MAI/RSI Protocol Approval – Toni Brophy and Michel Sucher finalized the protocol and forwarded it to Dona Markley to start the rulemaking process.

B. Diltiazem Drug Profile and Curriculum
The committee recommended these changes:

- Line 4 – Class: delete “slow channel blocker”
- Mechanism of Action/Clinical Effects: change “increases circulation to the heart, and reduces peripheral vascular resistance” to “reduces coronary artery and peripheral vascular resistance”.
- Under Contraindications add Beta Blocker Use
- The last sentence on the first page – delete the rest of the sentence after medications

A motion was made by John Gallagher and seconded by Frank Walter to approve the curriculum and the drug profile for Diltiazem with the changes listed above.

Motion carried.

A motion was made by John Gallagher seconded by Robert Vavrick to add Diltiazem to the drug list as an optional drug and/or Verapamil. Also, under Dosage Forms/Packaging, add Powdered Form 25 mg vial (2). **Motion carried.**

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Use of Vaponefrin for Interfacility Drug Transport List

A motion was made by John Gallagher seconded by Robert Vavrick to add Vaponephrin to the Interfacility Drug Transport List.

Motion carried.

B. Expanded Scope of Practice for Paramedics in a Clinical Setting

Discussion ensued regarding the liability of paramedics working with drugs that are not in their scope of practice.

It was recommended that the wording be changed: **in a clinical setting** to be more specific: **in a hospital, state agency, healthcare, facility** as defined in rule.

Where it says training program add the appropriate name as defined in rule, for whoever wishes to provide this education: “An **ALS** Training program that wishes to provide this education would include”.

It was recommended that a copy of the current curriculum be available for the next meeting.

Item: Expanded Scope of Practice for Paramedics in a Clinical Setting Current Curriculum

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When: April 23, 2004

Who: Kay Lewis

A motion was made by Frank Walter seconded by Daniel Spaitte to approve the concept of Expanded Scope of Practice for Paramedics in a Clinical Setting.

Motion carried.

C. eACLS/Electronic Advanced Cardiac Life Support

A motion was made by John Gallagher seconded by John Raife to approve this as a way to be certified in ACLS for the didactic portion. **Motion carried.**

IX. GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

- A. Primary Seat Belt Legislation** – Michael Frias from the Governor’s Office of Highway Safety addressed the Commission. He handed out a list of Health Committee Members so that MDC members may contact them to express support for the Primary Seat Belt Bill.

The chief complaint is people in the rural areas that are not using seat belts.

B. Statewide Emergency Trauma Systems Legislation

Commission members that want to show their support were asked to contact their legislator.

X. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No one came forward.

XI. TRAINING OR EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

XII. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Medical Direction Commission will be held April 23, 2004.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Approved by: Medical Direction Commission

Date: September 24, 2004